

Nathaniel Grout House  
West side of road to South Acworth  
Acworth  
Sullivan County  
New Hampshire

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## HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

## NATHANIEL GROUT HOUSE

Location: On the west side of the road to South Acworth, in town of Acworth, Sullivan County, New Hampshire.

Present Owner: Mrs. Mildred Ingram.

Brief Statement of Significance: Typical early home with simpler wood rear portions and a more elegant, carefully detailed, brick front section.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

## A. Physical History

1. Original owner: Nathaniel Grout.
2. Date of erection: Front brick section c. 1805; rear wing of wood refinished 1770; middle section between these two dates.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: House relatively similar to original condition, some partitions added in middle section.

B. Important Old Views listed: Owner has old photographs.

C. Likely sources not yet Investigated: George Aldrich, Walpole As It Was and As It Is, (Claremont, N. H.; Claremont Mfg. Co., 1880).

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

## A. General Statement

1. Architectural Interest and Merit: Carefully detailed, front brick section in an excellent state of preservation.

2. Foundations: Granite on Fieldstone.
3. Wall construction: Brick front section.
4. Openings
  - a. Doors and doorways: Three bay facade on gable end, door in left bay. Ovoid fan over, side lights. Lead muntins. Doors hung with three hinges. Jamb between doorway arch and doorway is wooden siding carved to imitate brick.
  - b. Windows and shutters: Rear section - 12/12 light double hung windows. Front section: 6/6 light double hung windows. Original muntins. Flat brick arch over windows plastered to resemble stone. Louvered shutters. Interior paneled folding shutters.
5. Roof
  - a. Shape - covering: Asbestos shingles. Gable roof with gable end to the front. Louvred fan in gable, keystone ovoid brick arch.
  - b. Cornice, eaves: Plain deep raking and horizontal cornice.
6. Chimneys: Four chimneys.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor Plan: Off set, front two rooms - hall and parlor. Rear parlor and dining room behind. Kitchen behind other rooms with fireplace, large opening, Dutch ovens.
2. Stairways: Hanging stairway facing front door. Curved plaster wall following curved spiral staircase.
3. Floor: Random pine boards. Basement floor paved with mica schist and/or granite.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster on split lath. Front parlor more elaborate wainscoting (chair rail - paneling below) all rooms, approximately 30" high.

5. Doorways and doors: Door framing triple trim, crisp, all doors. Cavetto molding.
6. Trim: White painted molding throughout entire house.
7. Hardware: Brass round knobs, most original.
8. Lighting: Electric.
9. Heating: Central plus fireplaces. Framed wood mantels in three front rooms. Pilasters at sides, wide entablatures, mantel shelves supported by multiple moldings, not far removed from Asher Benjamin. Dining room mantel - extra granite shelf supported by granite colonnettes.

D. Site

1. General Setting: Open lawn, shade trees and shrubs.  
The house faces east.
2. Outbuildings: Barn (detached).
3. Walks: Stone.
4. Landscaping: Trees, flower borders, etc. Front lawn terraced.

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